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1. In 1954, VEB Kranbau Eberswalde built for its own use a construction crane designed to travel on rails. The construction costs of about one million DME were made available from investment funds.
 2. The Soviets are showing great interest in this crane, an interest which the enterprise does not like, since it is feared that the Soviets might want the crane for their own use. When the Soviets inquired about detailed technical specifications of the crane, they were given vague answers with the explanation that there were many technical problems still to be solved.
 3. Following are the specifications for this crane:

Lifting capacity:	at main hook	32 tons
	at auxiliary hook	5 tons
Maximum reach:	as a luffing crane	28 meters
	as a fixed crane with	
	pulled-in boom	18 meters
Height of lift:	as a luffing crane	40 meters
	as a fixed crane	50 meters
Gantry track		10 meters
Total weight		500 tons

The operator is at approximately 20 meters above ground, and the machine installation is at about 40 meters above ground.

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One photograph of the crane (1 sheet).
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